

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2003-475

August 4, 2003

COMMUNITY SERVICE TELEPHONE
COMPANY AND NORTHLAND, SIDNEY,
STANDISH, CHINA AND MAINE
TELEPHONE COMPANIES (FAIRPOINT
COMPANIES OF NEW ENGLAND)
REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL OF
REORGANIZATIONS

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING;
PROCEDURAL ORDER

On July 1, 2003, the companies named above filed a Joint Application, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 708(2), for approval of reorganizations of each of those companies. A subsidiary (MJD Ventures, Inc.) of the parent of the five Maine Fairpoint companies (Fairpoint Communications, Inc.) proposes to purchase the stock of Community Service Telephone Company (CST). A copy of the application is attached.

For CST, the reorganizations requiring approval consist of the termination of its present affiliated interest with its parent, Commtel Communications, Inc., and the creation of new affiliated interests of MJD Ventures, Fairpoint Communications, and each of the present Fairpoint Maine companies.

For the Fairpoint Maine companies, the reorganizations that require approval are the creation of a new affiliated interest (namely, CST) for each of those companies.

This proceeding is governed by the provisions of 35-A M.R.S.A. § 708(2) and PUC Rules, Chapter 110 (Practice and Procedure). Section 708(2) requires the Commission to complete the proceeding within 60 days, but if the Commission determines that it cannot do so, it may extend the deadline by an additional 120 days.

Persons with a legally cognizable interest in this proceeding may intervene as provided in Chapter 110, §§ 720-721. Petitions to intervene must comply with the provisions of Chapter 110, § 722 and must be filed by August 12, 2003.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 4th day of August, 2003.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER

Peter Ballou